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News Release

**DIRECTOR OF UD'S FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER
NAMED EDITOR OF JOURNAL OF FAMILY ISSUES**

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1990--Patricia Voydanoff, director of the Center for the Study of Family Development at the University of Dayton and a Centerville resident, has been named editor of the Journal of Family Issues.

Sponsored by the National Council on Family Relations, the quarterly journal specializes in family research, with upcoming issues focusing on teenage pregnancy, workplace policies, and gender and unpaid work. UD colleagues Mark Fine, associate professor of psychology, and Linda Majka, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, are deputy editors.

UD's Center for the Study of Family Development serves as a national, regional and local resource on family issues. It offers students a minor in family development, and its staff conducts research in adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and childbearing; economic distress and family life; work and family life; and remarried families.

Under a research program funded by the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the center is evaluating Catholic Social Services' comprehensive care project for pregnant and parenting teens, male teen partners and their parents. The center's staff has begun a second evaluation of Womanline's sex education program for 1,500 fifth and sixth graders in area public and parochial schools. The study addresses peer pressure; emotional health and self-esteem; and possible impacts of engaging in early sexual activity and alcohol and drug use. In May, the center will sponsor a national symposium, "The Church Faces Social Justice Through a Family Perspective." In addition, a just-completed textbook, Adolescent Sexuality and Childbearing, is expected to be published in July.

Voydanoff, who is also chair-elect of the family section of the American Sociological Association, wrote about work and family life for "2001: Preparing Families for the Future." The special report was published this month by the National Council on Family Relations.

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